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Railroad. The houses in which these cases occurred have been fumigated, as also were the officers' quarters in Duran and a number of houses in Bucay and Huigra. Two of these cases were not screened, as they were not seen by a physician until after death. Pools and other deposits of water in Bucay are being filled in or oiled, and each resident is required to clean up his own premises and an area 50 yards in diameter adjacent. Similar work is to be inaugurated in the other towns along the road, and is under direction of the chief surgeon for the Guayaquil and Quito Railroad, aided by the local police.

GERMANY.

Report from Mainz—Municipal bureau of information and assistance for tuberculous patients.

The following is received from Consul Schumann, under date of March 16:

The bureau of municipal information and assistance for tuberculous patients was established in this city three months ago and, in this short time, has been made use of to an unexpected extent. Altogether 67 families numbering, all told, 172 members, have availed themselves of the benefit. Special attention is paid that not only the sick members of a family present themselves at the bureau, but that the apparently healthy members as well present themselves for examination, as only thereby is it possible to take the necessary precautions to preserve the health of the family.

The functions of the bureau embrace the following:

1. It gives advice to the sick as well as the healthy members of a family as to the character of tuberculosis, its contagion, and prevention; distributes literature on the subject and supplies the sick with pocket and hand spittoons.

2. It examines persons afflicted with tuberculosis, and also makes microscopic examinations of the sputa.

3. The officers of the bureau visit the sick in their homes and give instructions as to the cleansing of the clothes and linen used by the patient as well as all other articles used by the latter, such as dishes, cutlery, etc.

4. It tries to separate the sick member of a family from the healthy members by providing a separate bed and bedclothes and, if necessary, a separate room for the sick. Single beds are loaned by the institution. In order to provide a separate room for the sick member of a family, the bureau grants a sum of money by which the family is enabled to rent a larger apartment and, furthermore, in cases of need, pays the cost of moving.

5. It provides for the removal of very sick persons to a hospital to prevent contagion to the other members of a family.

6. It causes the apartments inhabited by a consumptive to be disinfected after the death or removal of the patient.

7. It provides gratis wholesome and nutritious foods for the patient such as milk, eggs, beef extracts, etc.

During the three months of its existence the bureau distributed 15 beds and bedclothes, 42 hand spittoons and 25 pocket spittoons, milk to 55 patients, eggs to 54, and beef extracts to 12. In 29 cases the bureau was instrumental in causing an improvement in the living

apartments of the sick, in 3 of these by an allowance of money for larger apartments; and in 4 cases it caused the removal of the patient to a hospital.

HAWAII.

Plague at Honolulu.

Chief Quarantine Officer Cofer reports:

April 8. There was a death from plague April 7.

HONDURAS.

Report from Puerto Cortez—Sanitary conditions—Water supply—Mosquitoes.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ames reports, March 26, as follows:

No quarantinable diseases exist in this port. Many of the cisterns are properly screened, and others receive an occasional application of oil.

It is expected that the water system will be inaugurated in the near future and that all cisterns will be abolished.

Stegomyia calopus mosquitoes are present in large numbers in the central and upper part of the town.

ITALY.

Report from Naples—Inspection of vessels—Emigrants recommended for rejection—Small-pox in Italy.

Passed Assistant Surgeon McLaughlin reports, March 18, as follows:

Week ended March 16, 1907. Vessels inspected at Naples:

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of large baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Mar. 11	Campania.....	New York.....	1,831	70	1,550
11	Indiana.....	do.....	1,343	80	1,950
13	Cretic.....	do.....	1,877	130	2,480
13	Roma.....	do.....	1,387	120	1,450
14	Hamburg.....	do.....	968	100	1,250
14	Citta di Napoli.....	do.....	1,065	50	1,180
15	Brasile.....	do.....	976	80	1,150
16	König Albert.....	do.....	1,157	90	1,650
	Total.....		10,634	720	12,660

Rejections recommended.

NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Tra-choma.	Favus.	Suspect-ed tra-choma.	Suspect-ed favus.	Other causes.	Total.
Mar. 11	Campania.....	18	2	2	1	3	26
11	Indiana.....	17	1	15	1	10	44
13	Cretic.....	27	5	14	1	6	53
13	Roma.....	13	8	9		2	32
14	Hamburg.....	16	3	12	1	10	42
14	Citta di Napoli.....	19	3	6		4	32
15	Brasile.....	16	3	4		3	26
16	König Albert.....	10		7		6	23
	Total.....	136	25	69	4	44	278